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- 1. The military airfield at Nymburk (0 51/G 20) lies south of Nymburk beyond the suburb of Zalabi. Its western boundary is the railroad line between Nymburk and Sadska (0 51/M 19). About 1,000 meters west of this line rung the new Nymburk-Zverinek-Sadska highway. The northern boundary of the field is the suburb of Zalaba and the road running southeast from Nymburk toward Podebrady (051/M 29). The Elbe River flows between Nymburk and Zalabi. About two or three kilometers east of the field is the double-track Nymburk-Podebrady railroad line. The southern boundary of the field is the farmland around the towar of Horatev, Kovanice and Chvalovice. The field is 180 meters above sea level and has a humus foundation.
- The former district road between Zalabi and Horatev has been closed, and traffic
 has been shifted to the asphalt road running along the western side of the
 Nymburk-Badska railroad line. The road from Zverinek to Horatev has been asphalted.
- 3. Construction work on the airfield was carried out by the Czechoslovak Construction Works (Caskovlovenske stavebnik zavody), Nymburk branch. About 800 people were engaged on the project, working in three shifts. From twenty to thirty trucks were engaged in delivering building material (concrete and gravel). All through the winter of 1952-53, hangars were being built on the northern end of the airfield. In February 1953, when the area wastlash observed two 25×1 ferro-concrete hangars 30 by 70 by 12 meters in size, as well as the framework of a third one, were already completed. Foundations had been dug for a new building, probably an administration building, saw a great amount of material on the site which seemed to indicate that further construction was to be darried out in the near future.
- 4. The stone foundation of the runway was completed in autumn 1951 and concrete was poured over it in spring 1952. The runway runs northwest-southwast and it is estimated to be 30 meters wide and 2,500 meters long. On both sides of the hangars, therefore concrete taxiways leading to the runway.

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25X1 5. the former asphalt throad between Zalabi and Horatev, which is level and almost straight, is to be widened and used as a second runway.

- 6. This airfield is for use by jet aircraft. The runway can be extended up to 10 kilometers. The present length of the runway is only temporary, in order to permit operation as soon as possible. Since there are stocks of material on the airfield, it is assumed that the construction of another runway is intended. Only limited drainage has been laid in, as extensive facilities are not necessary.
- 7. The Nymburk power station supplies the airfield with electricity.
- 8. A large military garrison of railroad troops is located at Nymburk, which has the largest railroad workshops in Czechoslovakia.

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